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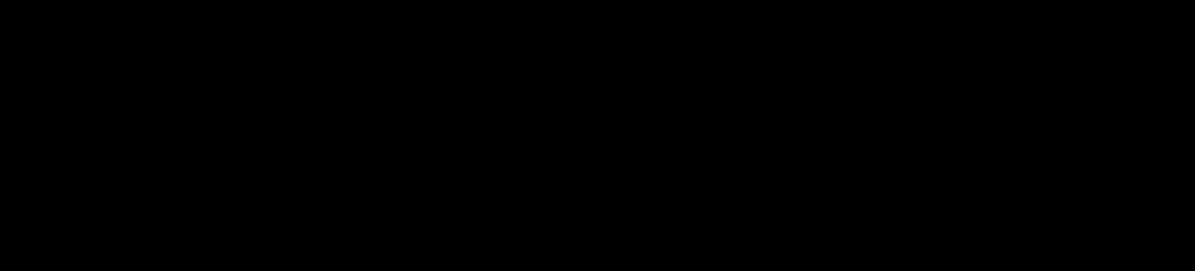
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1. Since the transfer of Acting Polish Charge d'Affaires Kostarski from Shanghai to Nanking during the latter part of June 1947, there has been no significant activity within the Shanghai Polish Citizens' Association of New Poland, whose members acknowledge the Soviet-dominated Warsaw Government. All Shanghai Poles, whatever their affiliations, are fearful of official Polish and Chinese pressure for repatriation to Poland. They also believe themselves to be spied upon by Polish consular officials in China, some of whom appear under assumed names and are thought to be Soviet agents. Moved by the insecurity of their position, Shanghai Polish citizens, reportedly encouraged by the Polish Consulate, have initiated a project for the migration and transfer of Poles from China to other countries abroad. See [redacted] for information on the official Polish attitude toward this movement. Many members of the Shanghai Polish Community, mostly Polish refugees, have already left for the United States. Now the wealthy Poles in Shanghai are looking for visas to countries other than Poland; most of them hope to go to the United States or to Central or South America.
2. Following are four Shanghai Polish citizens who plan to go abroad:

(1) M. G. Zalewski (also known as Zalevsky), Chairman of the Shanghai Polish Citizens' Association, is now over sixty-five years of age. At one time reportedly one of the wealthiest men in Vladivostok, he lost his entire fortune in 1924 when he escaped from that city. Gradually he has been able to build a considerable fortune in Shanghai as a merchant and wine expert, and is now considered a wealthy man by the local Polish community. He owns property at 298 1/2 Tihua (Dufour) Road and a wine factory, and engages in some importing and exporting activities. Zalewski plans to go to the United States at the end of this year on a six months' visitor's visa to determine whether he can remain there permanently. On his return from the United States he intends to visit his only son, who resides in Manila. The Polish Consulate is not opposing his plans but apparently favors migration abroad of Polish citizens from China. (Shanghai note: Two sources believe that in spite of Zalewski's apparent adherence to the Warsaw Government he is in reality anti-Communistic.)

(2) Z. K. Tokarzewski (also known as Tokarjevski), 421 Shensi Road, a man of more than seventy-two years, is mentally ill and disillusioned over Poland's connection with Moscow. At one time he planned to go to Warsaw through the USSR, for which trip the Polish and Soviet Consulates in Shanghai promised him visas. However, at the last moment he decided to go to Czechoslovakia instead.

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via the United States, hoping that he might find means of becoming a citizen of the United States. If this plan failed, he intended to get a visa for Chile or Argentina. Some local POLES believe that Tokarzewski's present indecision over his immediate future may be based on his deplorable financial situation, and that he would favor a good proposition from any source.

(3) D. Gnarowski, 428 Simen Road, Vice Chairman of the Shanghai Polish Citizens' Association, has obtained a visa to go to Chile and is now closing his raw glass factory. Gnarowski is a wealthy man.

(4) D. Flants, a Polish Jew, is a representative of a Swiss watch factory. Flants, as well as many other POLES in Shanghai, has obtained a visa to enter Ecuador; however, he is at present trying to obtain a transit visa for the United States, where he hopes to stay permanently.

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